

Regular abuse-c validation 2017-02

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WHY?

- **RIPE Community committed to improving trust and safety in the IP space**
- **Accurate and validated information in RIPE database**
 - trusted environment for network operators
 - internet troubleshooting at all levels
 - help attribute malicious activities
- **Valid contact points**
 - ensuring security and reliability of networks
 - ensuring accountability of IP resource holders
 - ensuring public can resolve abusive practices
 - ensure effectiveness of existing abuse reporting systems

How did we get there?

- **2012:** ripe-563 => mandatory “abuse-c:” contact attribute
 - contact info for automatic and manual reports of abusive behaviour
 - abuse-c: = part of RIPE community accountability model
- **BUT no validation mechanism** => out of date and inaccurate / no valid contact point
 - Undermines the objective of ripe-563
 - RIPE NCC = hundreds of reports of invalid contact information
 - 2011-06 impact analysis: “data accuracy will be tackled in separate policy proposal”
- **2017:** Proposal “Regular abuse-c validation” 2017-02
 - complement ripe-563
 - Data accuracy issues not within the scope of ripe-563

Proposal

- Objective:

- ▶ increase the technical reachability of abuse-c: contact
- ▶ reduce likelihood of unresponsive abuse-c: contact

- How?

1. Mandate RIPE NCC to validate “abuse-mailbox” at least once a year
2. Mandate RIPE NCC to follow up with resource holder in case contact found invalid and resolve the issue in the most flexible manner.
3. Last resort : if resource holder does not cooperate => RIPE NCC could trigger ripe-676

Responsible organisation: [Orange S.A.](#)

Abuse contact info:

gestionip.ft@orange.com

Login to update  RIPEstat 

inetnum: 92.128.0.0 - 92.128.0.255
netname: IP2000-ADSL-BAS
descr: BSMS0655 Montsouris Bloc 1
country: FR
admin-c: [WITR1-RIPE](#)
tech-c: [WITR1-RIPE](#)
status: ASSIGNED PA
remarks: for hacking, spamming or security problems send mail
to
remarks: abuse@orange.fr
mnt-by: [FT-RRX](#)
created: 2008-03-19T13:54:24Z
last-modified: 2015-02-06T09:29:36Z
source: RIPE

Discussion phase

- Too costly, too bureaucratic, too “aggressive”, Too much regulation!
- I do what I want with my resources! De-registration is property theft!
- Alternative: Assisted Registry Check (ARC)?
- Concrete procedure?
- Auto-response?
- Legacy resource holders?

Alternative?

- Assisted Registry Check (ARC)
 - ▶ help members to strengthen registry data
 - ▶ cover 4 areas:
 1. registry consistency
 2. resource consistency
 3. route/rDNS consistency
 4. resource certification (RPKI)
 - ▶ ARC reviews = 25-30% of memberships / year
- ARC not designed for the validation of abuse-c: contact

Procedure

- **RIPE NCC best placed to evaluate resources required**
- **Impact Analysis in 4 weeks => detailed procedure**
- **Proposed main steps:**
 1. Validate “abuse-mailbox” at least once a year => email / human interaction
 2. If no valid response within **14 days** (including bounce back + automatic response without valid contact details) = “unresponsive” => marked “invalid”
 3. RIPE NCC engage with resource holder and require to correct the issue = dialogue
 4. **2 months** (TBC) - obvious unwillingness to cooperate and resolve the issue => trigger ripe-676 procedure

Auto-response

- “Valid” IF leads to human interaction to say “Hello! this email is being monitored!”
- Ticket = “valid” if leads to human interaction in 14 days.
- Form = NCC to fill the form? Form not accepted as valid response?

Legacy resource holders

- Not directly impacted
- Committed to same objective of safety, accountability and trust in IP space

Version 2.0

- Feedback from the community
- Finalise version 2.0
- RIPE NCC creates impact analysis on version 2
- Kick off the review phase

Speak out!

- **Have you ever been frustrated:**
 - because no valid abuse-c: / contact details to resolve abusive practice or for troubleshooting?
 - by free rider attitudes: enjoy stable environment but no clean up?
- **Do you think that this proposal is:**
 - common sense?
 - won't resolve everything, but is a step in the right direction?

Contribute to the conversation

send an email to anti-abuse-wg@ripe.net

THANK YOU

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